

# Kansas Day



2003

**L**et's play! There is no better way to celebrate a birthday. Join us in celebrating Kansas' 142nd birthday and the people who make Kansas great. Participate in hands-on activities and games about famous Kansans. Follow in the path of Amelia Earhart, the first woman to fly across the Atlantic and learn about the principles of flight. Pursue astronomer Clyde Tombaugh's profession and "discover" more about Pluto and the other planets in the solar system. Shoot a ball into a peach basket, just like James Naismith did when he created the game of basketball.



## *Let's Play: Pastimes from the Past Games and toys from early 1900s*

Kansas Day activities complement the museum's new special exhibit. *Let's Play* is a traveling exhibit from Rogers Historical Museum in Arkansas and will be on display from January 18 through March 1, 2003.



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# Crafts and Activities (in the lobby)

**a Steam Engine-** Make a toy steam engine and learn about Cyrus K. Holliday. See a real steam engine in the museum gallery. Complete instructions included in this packet.

**b Stan Herd Pop-up Book-** Meet Kansan "crop" artist Stan Herd and create a pop-up book about him. Complete instructions included in this packet.

**c William Allen White Award Bookmark-** Design a bookmark for your favorite William Allen White Award Book. Find out the nominees for this year's competition.

**d Flip over Martin and Osa Johnson-** Watch segments of *Jaws of Death*, a movie filmed by the Johnsons while on safari in Africa in the 1920s and 1930s. Have fun with a flipbook created from scenes from this movie. Copies of this flipbook for you to assemble later will be available on Kansas Day or can be downloaded from our website after January 29 at [www.kshs.org](http://www.kshs.org).

**e Aviation in Kansas-** Did you know that this is the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers flight? Many Kansans have long been leaders in aviation. Learn about some famous aviators and study the principles of flight by flying paper airplanes.

**f Peach Basket Basketball-** James Naismith, the inventor of basketball and the first KU basketball coach, used a peach basket for a goal. Try your hand at shooting a real "basket".

**g Who Discovered Pluto? -** You would be correct if you guessed Kansan Clyde Tombaugh! Test your knowledge about the solar system by playing a game with the nine planets. Try to place them in their correct orbits.

**h Artifact Timeline-** Can you put the artifacts in order from old to new, historic to modern? What did your great-grandmother's stove look like? What does your stove look like today? The needs are the same but the form has changed. Try to arrange the game cubes in the right chronological order.

**i One-Room Schoolhouse Games-** Play "Bird, Beast, or Fish" or "My Grandfather's General Store," games that students in a one-room schoolhouse used to play.

**j Toys and Games from the Past-** From whirligigs to wooden puzzles, you'll discover toys that children played with long ago.

**k Topeka Outdoor Center-** See live Kansas symbols, make a cottonwood leaf tipi and create a Kansas symbols book.



## Interpreters (in the lobby)

- 1 Wichita Grass Lodge
- 2 Covered Wagon
- 3 Civil War
- 4 Drover's Car
- 5 Locomotive

## In the AV Theater

- 6 **Kansas Jeopardy Game-** Just like the real jeopardy game, you'll compete with other players to see who knows the most about Kansas history.

## Performances (in the Museum Classrooms)

- **9:30-9:50 – Alexander Majors, Freightier on the Santa Fe Trail-** You think your job is tough try working for Mr. Majors. Marc Armato makes history come alive as he portrays Alexander Majors.
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## Demonstrators (in the Mission)

- **Native American Music and Crafts**
- **Chair Caning**
- **Weaving**

## A Special Thanks

- To Robinson Middle School, Emporia State University students, and Washburn University Women's Softball Team for helping with Kansas Day
- To Farmland Foods, Herman's Meat & Deli Shop, Kelly Express, Golden Corral Family Steak House, Falley's Markets, Dillon Stores, Bauersfeld's JM IGA, Food 4 Less, and the staff of Baker University, Emporia State University, and the Kansas State Historical Society for donation of craft supplies
- To Superior School Supplies for donation of posters.



# Kansas Day

# January 29, 2003



at the Kansas History Center  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Join the fun and celebrate  
Kansas' 142nd birthday with us!*

## Craft and Activity Stations in the Lobby

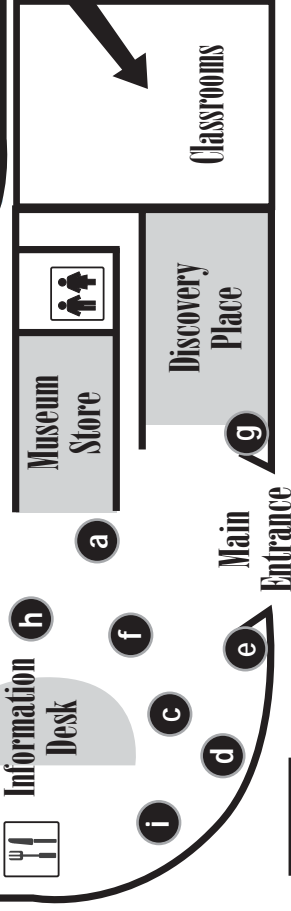
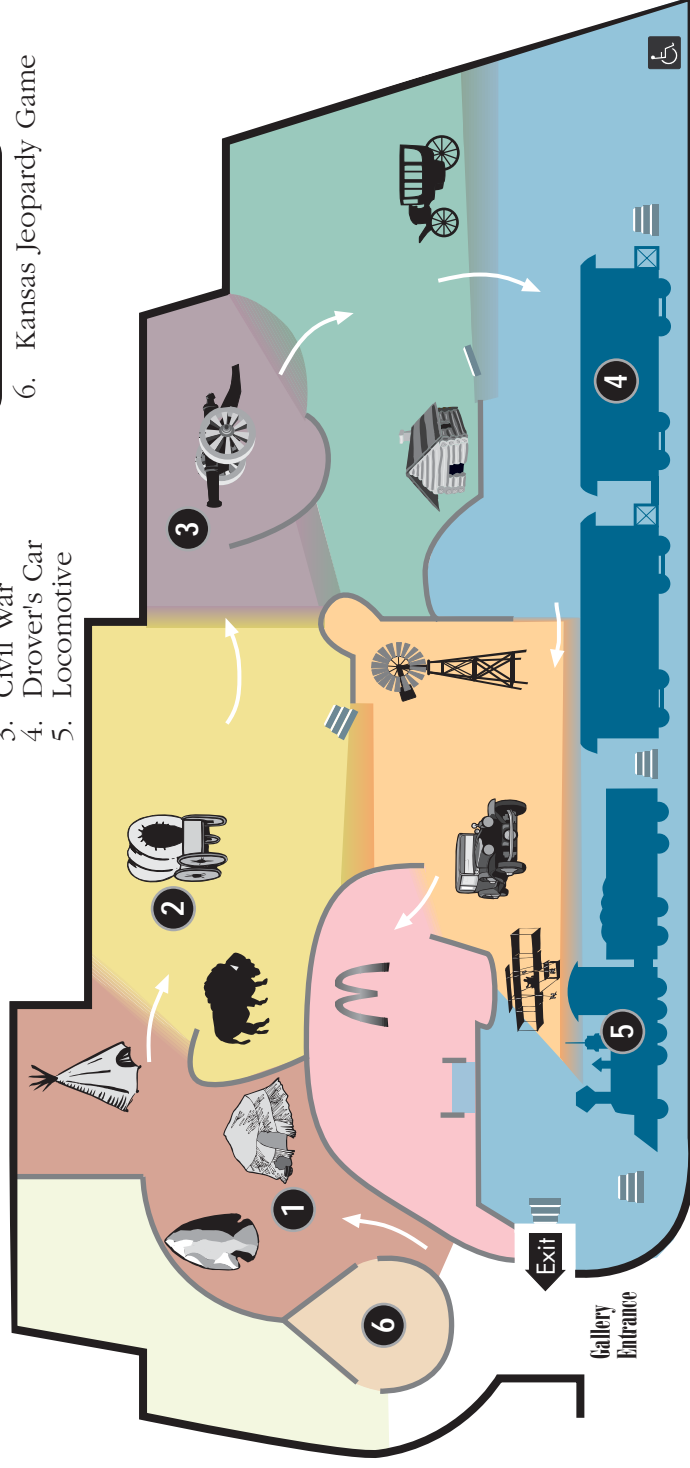
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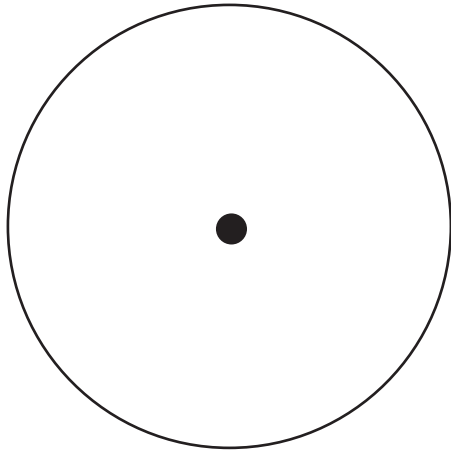
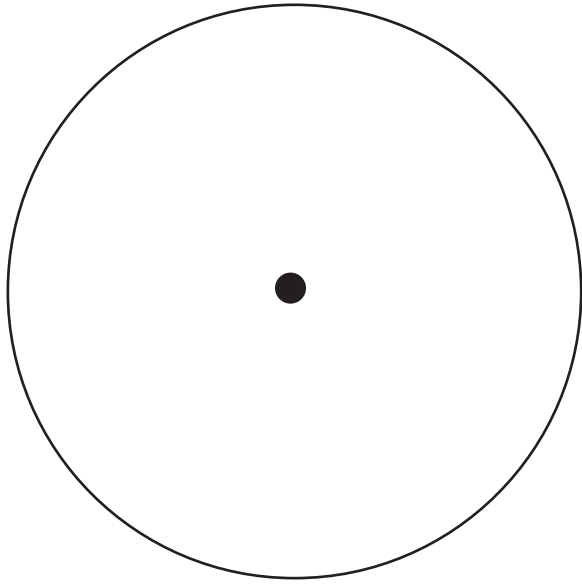
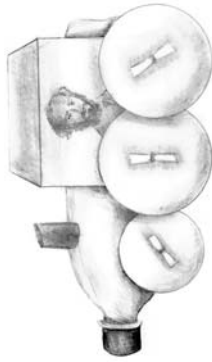
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# Make a Steam Engine

Make this model engine and learn about Cyrus K. Holliday. Draw yourself as the engineer in the cab of the train and pretend to chug into Kansas history.

- Use a 10 - 20 oz. plastic bottle with a lid for the body of the train.
- Photocopy train cab on heavy tag board or cardstock for each student. Cut, fold and punch holes where indicated on the train cab.
- An adult can punch three holes for the wheel axles on opposite sides of the plastic bottle.
- Push drinking straws through the folded train cab and bottle to act as wheel axles.
- Cut wheels from styrofoam or cardboard.

- Place the large wheels on the straw under the cab and the small wheels on the straw at the front of the train.
- Cut and fold the ends of the straw to hold the wheels in place.
- Place a "Wet and Set" noodle at the front of the train for a smokestack.



Cut on dotted line

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Fold

Cyrus K. Holliday is a very important man in Kansas' history. He founded the town of Topeka. He placed the town where the Military Road and the Oregon-California Trail meet beside the Kansas River. He served as Topeka's first mayor. Working as a lawyer, he helped make Kansas Territory a free state. His greatest dream was to start a railroad in Kansas that would go all the way to the Pacific Ocean. His railroad, the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe, is still in business today. The oldest existing ATSF steam locomotive, the No. 132, is on display at the Kansas Museum of History.



Draw yourself as the engineer



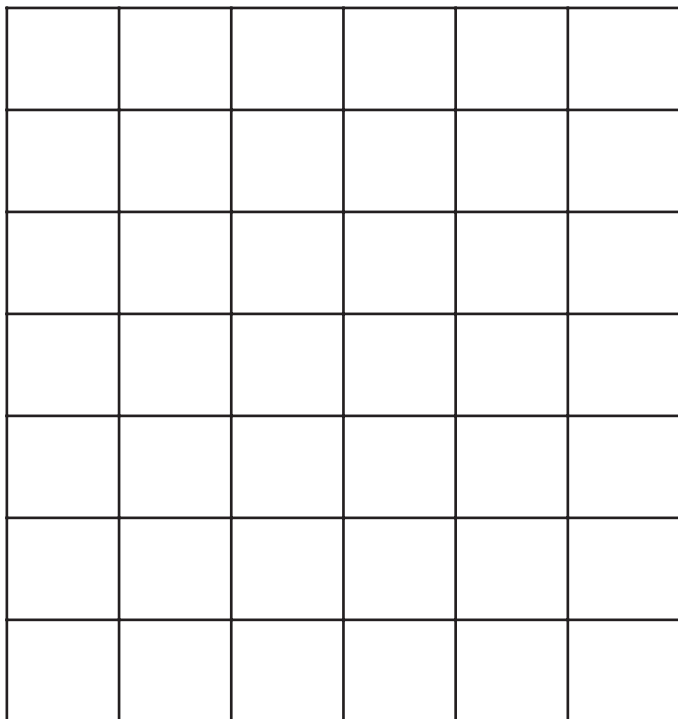
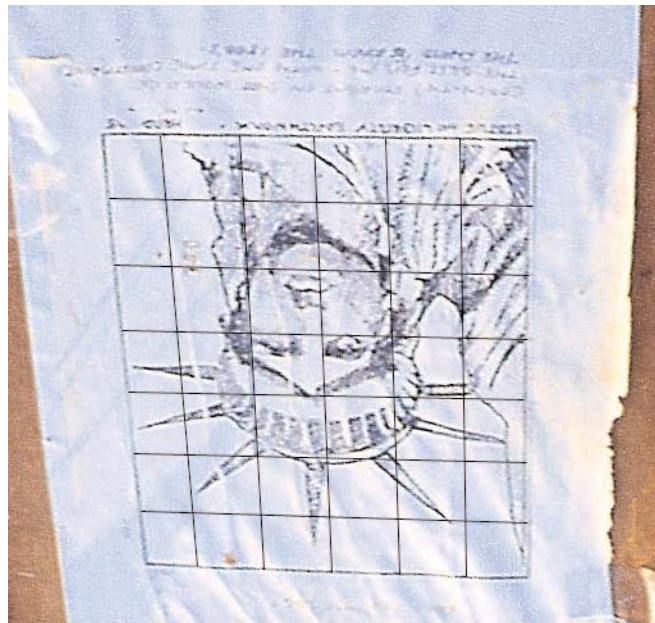
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Stan Herd creates his earthworks by first laying a grid over the field. See if you can copy his picture onto your own field.



*Fold into book*



# Stan Herd

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## *Kansas Artist*



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Stan Herd is a Kansas artist. In first grade, he won a dollar in an art contest. Now Mr. Herd is famous for designing pictures using fields! He creates his pictures in the earth by mowing, plowing, or burning crops. He calls these pictures earthworks. The best way to see earthworks is from an airplane or in photographs.

Mr. Herd is also very good at painting pictures. You can see one of his murals in the museum. He painted the scene of a Kansas town in the 1880s behind the steam engine. Mr. Herd even painted himself into the picture. Look for him with his paintbrushes sitting near the railroad track.

*Glue tractor  
here*

Photos by Jon Blumb



*Saginaw Grant by Stan Herd*

